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This month’s newsletter includes information on the study guidance that is available to help you prepare for academic life at Oxford. There is advice on a range of topics including how to manage your workload, research and library skills, and how to prepare for examinations. There is also a series of short videos providing tips on interpreting questions, effective time management and what to expect from an Oxford tutorial.

Read on to find out more about what is on offer, both before and during your studies.

With best wishes,

Den Moore,
Director of Student Affairs

Academics and students showcase their work

The Arts and Science blogs showcase work being undertaken by students and academics. From research into the ethics of eating meat to the cultural significance of hip hop, the Arts blog covers the latest news and views in the arts, humanities and culture at the University of Oxford. The Oxford Science blog provides the inside track on science at the University: the projects, the people, and what's happening behind the scenes. You can also follow the University on Medium to keep abreast of the latest stories about life in Oxford, our research, and analysis of topical issues.
Workshops and courses

The Bodleian Libraries iSkills workshops focus on general skills which can be used across a wide range of disciplines, designed to help you to make effective use of scholarly materials. Over 200 different IT courses are available through the IT Learning Programme to help with your studies, research, administration and planning. The Careers Service regularly offers skills sessions on interview techniques, CV clinics and networking, as well as internship and work experience opportunities.

Language Centre

The Language Centre welcomes all students whatever their degree, offering classes each term in 12 modern languages from beginner to advanced level, as well as classes in academic writing and communication skills for students whose first language is not English. Also available are a multi-media library with resources for self-study in 200+ languages, and a language exchange scheme for conversation practice. Get ready to sign up for classes at the start of Michaelmas term! The pre-sessional course English for Academic Purposes prepares international offer-holders to make a strong start on study and life at Oxford, and runs for six weeks from Monday 7 August 2017. To find out more visit the Language Centre website.

Improve your IT skills with Lynda.com

All students have free access to a vast online library of video-based courses at Lynda.com. There are over 5,000 courses, which are perfect for developing IT skills to support your studies or future careers. The video courses are supported by transcripts and practical exercises. Lynda.com can be accessed anytime and anywhere. You can find out more about Lynda and how to get access on the IT Services website.

European Health Insurance Card

If you are a national of the European Economic Area (EEA) or Switzerland remember to try to get a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) before coming to the UK to facilitate access to UK National Health Service (NHS) treatment.

Additionally, please note to qualify for residence in the UK, EEA/Swiss students are required to hold Comprehensive Sickness Insurance (CSI). If you have a valid EHIC issued by an EEA member state other than the UK this satisfies this requirement if you are residing in the UK on a temporary basis as a student. If you are not able to obtain an EHIC from your country of nationality, for example because you are not a resident there, you will need to obtain private Comprehensive Sickness Insurance. The UKCISA website has further information on the need for CSI, please read this so that you are fully aware of the significance of this issue.
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